

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17, 19-20, and 22 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 17 and 19 are amended and claims 18 and 21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 19 is objected to as being a multiple dependent claim dependent on another multiple dependent claim. The subject matter of claims 17 and 18 have been combined into claim 17 and claim 19 is amended to depend only from claim 17. Accordingly, the objection to claim 19 should now be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claim 21 is canceled by this amendment. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is now moot and should be withdrawn.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions, or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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